House Backs Releasing JFK Assassination Data

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The House approved a bill yesterday providing for public release of long-secret documents and other materials on the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The action followed renewed calls for disclosure of information about the assassination sparked in part by a recent motion picture, "JFK," that depicted it as the result of a conspiracy.

The Warren Commission that investigated the assassination said Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in shooting Kennedy.

A special House committee set up to investigate the assassination reported in 1979 that it believed Oswald had not acted alone. The committee's files, along with those of the Warren Commission, the FBI, CIA and other agencies, could be made public under the bill.